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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 1976 QUADRIpartite MEETING (BERLIN
AND GERMANY): STATUS REPORT

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1. CONTAINED BELOW IS A WRAP-UP OF THE STATUS OF
VARIOUS AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE QUADRIpartite MEETING AS
OF DECEMBER 6 BONN GROUP MEETING.

COMMUNIQUE

2. FRG REP (HENZE), SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS, MADE A
FINAL STRONG PITCH FOR AN AGREED TEXT ON THE
COMMUNIQUE BEFORE THE BRUSSELS MEETING. ACCORDING TO
HENZE, THE FOREIGN OFFICE FELT THAT WE SHOULD AGREE AS
FAR AS POSSIBLE ON THE TEXT IN BONN GROUP SO THAT THE
TIME AT THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING COULD BE SPENT ON OTHER
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THINGS. THERE WERE TWO POINTS IN THE COMMUNIQUE DRAFT

YET UNRESOLVED:

-- THE FORMULATIONS "DETENTE" AND "RELAXATION OF TENSIONS" CURRENTLY IN SQUARE BRACKETS, REPORTED IN REF (A), AND

-- THE UK INTENTION TO REOPEN PARA 3, REPORTED IN REF (B).

3. UK REP (HITCH) RESPONDED THAT WE HAD GENERALLY AGREED TO LEAVE THE FIRST PROBLEM FOR RESOLUTION IN BRUSSELS. AS FOR THE SECOND ISSUE, HE REALIZED THE BRITISH AMENDMENT REPRESENTED A DIFFERENCE IN IDEAS, NOT JUST IN LANGUAGE. HE HAD REPORTED TO LONDON THAT THE AMENDMENT HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED IN BONN GROUP. NOW, THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE BEFORE WEDNESDAY. THE AMENDMENT RAISES A POINT OF PRINCIPLE. WE CAN EXPECT THAT IT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING.

AGENDA

4. HENZE ASKED IF THE DISCUSSION OF THE SECOND SOVIET PROTEST CONCERNING BERLIN AND EC DIRECT ELECTIONS WOULD BE ITEM NUMBER SIX ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. HITCH REPLIED THAT THE EC QUESTION WAS SUBSUMED IN ITEM TWO, THE ASSESSMENT.

5. HENZE CONTINUED THAT THE FRG HAD A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR DISCUSSING THE BRIEFING PROJECT IN A WAY THAT A CONCLUSION WOULD BE POSSIBLE BOTH IN TERMS OF THE TEXT OF THE PAPER AND IN ITS END USE. THEREFORE, THE FRG WOULD PREFER TO DISCUSS THE EC PROTEST AS A SEPARATE ITEM, LATER ON THE AGENDA.

6. ALL REPS NOTED THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE BRIEFING BOOKS WERE COMPLETE AND IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL TO ATTEMPT TO INSERT A NEW AGENDA. ALLIED REPS THEREFORE AGREED TO INFORM THEIR OFFICIALS THAT, AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING, VAN WELL WOULD PROBABLY PROPOSE

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DEALING WITH THE SECOND SOVIET EC PROTEST AS THE LAST ITEM OF BUSINESS.

BRIEFING PROJECT

7. HITCH INFORMED BONN GROUP THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE CHANGE WHICH LONDON WISHES TO MAKE IN SECTION III OF THE TEXT OF THE

BRIEFING PAPER (SUPPLEMENTING THOSE REPORTED IN PARA 9, REF C). SENTENCE THREE OF SECTION III WOULD BE REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING TWO SENTENCES:

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"FROM THEN ONWARDS, THE LEGISLATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS BEEN ADOPTED AND APPLIED IN THE WSB, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE THREE ALLIED POWERS AND WITH DUE RESERVATION OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BY THE FRG HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN EXTENDED TO THE WSB AND THE CITY HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

8. THE US, FRENCH, AND FRG REPS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT IF REVISIONS TO THE TEXT WERE TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING, THIS PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. US REP ADDED THAT IT WOULD SEEM

PREFERABLE FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS TO CHARGE THE BONN GROUP WITH ANY TIDYING UP OF THE TEXT.

9. HITCH CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT THE OTHER TWO BRITISH AMENDMENTS, REPORTED IN PARA 9, REF (C), WERE STILL ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TABLE.

AGENDA ITEM ON END USE OF THE BRIEFING PAPER

10. HITCH ELABORATED ON HIS NOTE OF BRITISH CAUTION, REPORTED IN REF (D), ABOUT THE PAPER PREPARED BY THE BONN GROUP TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION OF END USE OF THE BRIEFING PROJECT PAPER (REF E). HE SAID THAT HE HAD A NEW TELEGRAM FROM LONDON, INSTRUCTING HIM TO ADD THAT THE FCO AT THIS STAGE WOULD NOT WISH TO ENDORSE THE PERSONAL VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE UK BONN GROUP REP IN THE PAPER. IN PARTICULAR, IN PARA 3 OF THE PAPER (THE PLACE OF THE BRIEFING) THE UK REP SHOULD ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THE VIEWS OF THE FRENCH REP.

11. HITCH ADDED THAT THE FCO HAD POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT AGREED IN OSLO, AS EXPRESSED IN THE AGENDA PAPER, "THAT EVENTUAL USE OF THE PAPER WOULD BE DETERMINED IN BRUSSELS." LONDON RECALLED THAT IT WAS ONLY DECIDED IN OSLO THAT OFFICIALS AT THE BRUSSELS MEETING WOULD LOOK AT THE PAPER PRODUCED BY THE BONN GROUP BEFORE AUTHORIZING ANY ACTION (SIC).

REPRESENTATION STUDY

12. HITCH TABLED THE UK AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS II AND III OF THE PAPER. THE AMENDMENTS WERE ITEMS WHICH HIBBERT WOULD TABLE AT BRUSSELS IF THE STUDY WERE TO BE DISCUSSED IN THAT MUCH DETAIL.

13. RECALLING HIS REMARKS FROM THE LAST MEETING (REF (B)), HENZE FOUND THE PERCENTAGE OF THE LATEST UK AMENDMENTS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LANGUAGE OF THE TEXT TO BE LOWER THAN IN THE FIRST GROUP OF UK AMENDMENTS.

14. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS DO NOT GREATLY ALTER THE SUBSTANCE OF THE STUDY. US BONN GROUP REP WILL HAVE COPIES OF THE AMENDMENTS IN BRUSSELS.
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